



# KINGFISHER



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## President's Message

The spring migration is here; what new birds do you want/expect to see this year? Each year is special, seeing again favorite species and looking for that one more special one. I hope you can join some of our field trips. If you have Tuesday mornings available, a group meets at Roberts Sanctuary (north end of Lake Harriet by the rose garden) at 9 am each week. They are birders from many groups and very helpful.

All year I have remarked that the "world" is becoming more aware of birders, realizing that we care for and help maintain the land, and that we are economically important. There is so much help, too. While in an Elderhostel in Ventura, CA., I saw signage on the pier about the birds there, with good descriptions and information. Many people can become "educated" and "hooked" by simple things like this. It was also a nice way for me to confirm the new-to-me species. Should we be helping with signage about our birds? Where? Where do you bird that you'd like that kind of help?

Being up early (in the same area), I walked, and came upon a park with a small valley. All was quiet by the road. As I proceeded down toward a stream, there were trees full of robins, all calling. I was delighted. Soon I spotted a Red-headed Woodpecker. To my surprise there was not one but FIVE of them on one pole. What a way to start the day. The last day there was also a fine surprise. Through error and kind people, I was allowed to ride out to the Channel Islands (one of our least visited national parks) on the boat going to pick up kayakers and hikers. I spent two wonderful hours with the captain who was very knowledgeable about birds, sea creatures, and geology; but best of all he keeps this job because he likes teaching people about these things and making them aware of how they can protect and enrich our world. Going out, we spotted a large pod of common dolphins; he directed me to the bow, saying to look straight down. He slowed the boat while I enjoyed the action. The dolphins swim to the boat and away and back again; how gracefully they maneuver. This company takes over 1000 school children each year, with active teaching on the boat and on the islands. Hurrah for them and the California schools.

Just one more meeting before summer--what a good year: the fine programs Fran Duritsa has arranged, the good work of our committee chairs, your participation and help, the gift membership given each meeting (from an anonymous member) and increasing attendance. My hope is to see more of you on field trips, and become better acquainted as we work toward a better world for all creatures.

—Dorothy Kuether

## Upcoming Program

Tuesday, May 1

### Bird Nest Identification

Be honest. What do you really know about bird nests? Hopefully, you know that a bird's nest is not a home in the sense that our dwelling is a home. Birds don't live in nests. They nest in nests. A bird's nest is primarily a nursery. What else might you know? You might be able to recognize the builder of a few nests. The Baltimore Oriole's nest is one that stands out as recognizable. Have you ever wondered how a bird could possibly have built such a complex structure with only its beak? You might recognize an Osprey nest on a pole, but would you recognize an Osprey nest at the top of a tall pine snag? Have you ever speculated on the weight of a Bald Eagle's nest? Did you know that Belted Kingfishers dig tunnels in riverbanks and cliffs in which to make their nests?

What are nests made of? Did you know that the Eastern Kingbird tries to find a snakeskin for its nests, but in the absence of a snakeskin has managed to find equivalents in all sorts of human litter? Human hair and pet hair are greatly desired items for lining a nest. Dryer lint may seem like a wonderful item to offer birds for their nests, but it gets hard and compact, and isn't very pleasant at all.

Bird nests—that is the topic of our upcoming program in May. Christine Turnbull, Director of Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary in Saronia, Wisconsin will talk about bird nest identification. Christine has degrees in both Wildlife Biology and Environmental Education. That means we can look forward to a great presentation from someone who knows the topic and knows how

to communicate what she knows.

Preceding the program, there will be a Cookie Social at 7:00. Bring some cookies to share, if you are able! Please join us. We meet at Mayflower Church, just off of 35W and Diamond Lake Road.

—Vija Kelly



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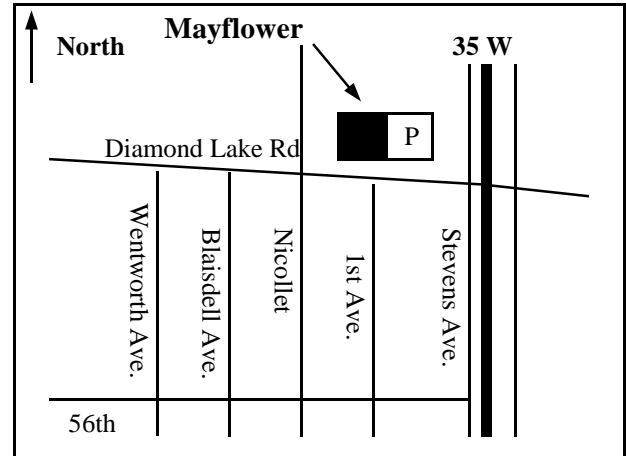
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## Come to Our Next Program!

**DATE:** Tuesday, May 1, 2001

**TIME:** 7:00 p.m. Cookie Social (bring cookies to share)  
7:30 p.m. **"Bird Nest Identification"**

**AT:** Mayflower Church (Lower Level)  
109 E. Diamond Lake Road, Minneapolis  
(35W & East Diamond Lake Road)



## Chapter Participates in Plymouth Student Environmental Event

Pilgrim Lane Elementary School in Plymouth was a buzz of activity on Friday evening, March 30, where the theme was "Habitat Hotel". Learning that our Earth is an amazing place to live, play and grow, students explored their important role of protecting a healthy habitat for all living things. Audubon was among the 25 exhibitors to offer information and activities to a large crowd of students and their families.

Ginny Black, an active Chapter Member, visited our booth and commented that the environmental theme had been well integrated into the school curriculum for several weeks prior to the event. The City of Plymouth, where Ginny serves on the City Council, was a co-sponsor of the evening.

—Bill Sipe  
*Exhibit Chair*

## Electronic Kingfisher

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## Spring Is On the Way

This is an exciting time of the year because bird migration has begun and each new day brings new birds. The big push began at the end of March. Snow Geese and Tundra Swans were flying over St. Michael as I was trying to concentrate on training people in proper hazardous waste management and contingency plan implementation. My drive to Little Falls in early April was accompanied by the calls of Sandhill Cranes. A pair have nested on the property of one of my clients for the last half-dozen years. He tells me the colts look like something only a mother could love. I don't think that they are all that ungainly, and besides, beauty is in the eye of the beholder.

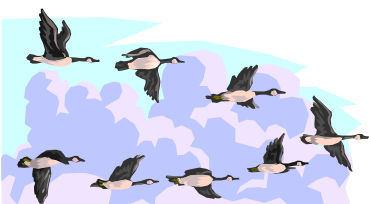
April usually sees a big push of waterfowl through the area in the early part of the month. I have seen flocks of as many as 80 Green-winged Teal at Carlos Avery. More common there are big rafts of Ring-necked ducks, with the more usual Blue-winged Teal and Mallards. Mid April sees the arrival of Fox Sparrows, Swainson's and Hermit Thrushes, and other early migrants. Oddly, Great Blue Herons can be seen arriving in March, but the more numerous arrivals are in April. Great Egrets sometimes hold out until May.

For me the real rush of spring begins with the sparrows. I am lucky in that both Harris' and White-throated Sparrows stop by my yard. I love the song of the White-throated Sparrow. It sounds like, "O sweet, Canada, Canada, Canada". Which is, of course, very appropriate because that is where many of them will be heading from here. I'm always surprised how late they arrive. I guess the anticipation always rushes the season a little..

We think of Spring as the time when the snow is gone and the world begins to green up. It is not necessarily thus in the rest of the country. In mid March I had to be in Las Vegas for a convention. Not being a gambling type of person, I took the opportunity to visit the natural areas that were close by. One of the places I went to was Ash Meadows National Wildlife Refuge. Much to my dismay, it was still in the grips of winter. No snow, but it was all sere and gray. The ranger informed me that only winter birds were in residence. These included Phainopeplas, Bewick's Wrens, and my old favorite the Harris' Sparrow. They too, however, were encouraged by the signs of the upcoming spring. Verdins were carrying nesting material. As for us, the anticipation was a period of fresh green (although not the absence of snow—Ash Meadows is desert).

As you read this, the hint of fresh green will be outside your window and the table will be set for the great rush of springtime migrants culminating with those butterflies of the bird world, the wood warblers. We have survived another harsh season and our souls can now soar and our hearts sing with the awakening beauty of our world.

— Vija Kelly



## THANKS Kingfisher Mailing Team!

Again it's time to stand up and give a heart felt cheer for the dedicated team that insures your Kingfisher is at your home after it is published. Please go out of your way to thank the mailing team, who are - Dorothy Brindle, Fran Duritsa, Doris Grambow, Myrtle Grette, Dorothy Lindeen, Darlene Olson, Don Olson, Ann Leykom, Mary Ellen Vetter, Lois Dick, Brenda Reishus, and Jean King. Also a very special thanks to Marge Cross for her years of dedicated service. We'll miss her. I would also like to thank a couple of the team who are no longer able to help, Bob Richardson and Einar Grette, but we know they are there in spirit. We thank you for your many years of cheerful service.

I would also like to take this opportunity to ask that a couple of new helpers join our mailing team to fill in (they will never be replaced) for those who are not able to join us during the Kingfisher mailing sessions. We meet on the 3rd Monday of the month, except May, July and December, at about 9:00 AM in Fridley. I can almost guarantee a good time. Coffee and

cookies are served at about 10:00 AM as partial payment for your labor. *You* must supply the stimulating conversation and laughter! Please call me for more information at 763-572-2333 or e-mail me at bahls001@tc.umn.edu.



—Jerry Bahls  
*Mailing Team Chair*

## Bylaw Change Recommended

The Minneapolis Audubon Chapter Board of Directors has recommended a change to the bylaws to be voted on at the May 1 general membership meeting.

### *Bylaw 5 Nominating Committee Section 2*

As presently written:

The Nominating Committee shall nominate at least one (1) member of the chapter holding Audubon membership in good standing to fill each of the three (3) Director positions for a term of (3) years. Such report shall be presented to the Board at its March meeting. The names of those nominated shall be publicized in the April Kingfisher.

Recommended change in last sentence:

The names of those nominated shall be publicized in the May Kingfisher.

—submitted by the Board

## Enjoy a Weekend Aboard the Audubon Ark

With river scientists and our fabulous crew!  
Take guided backwater tours with  
Rivertown Bed and Breakfast Lodging!

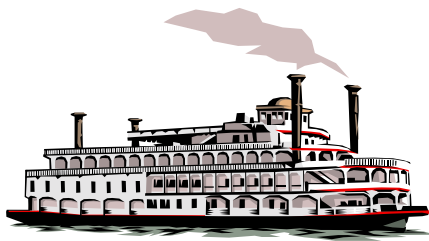
Imagine being chosen to spend 2 nights and three days living aboard an authentic 60-foot paddlewheel riverboat, rising at the first light to take a side trip by Jon boat into the Mississippi River backwaters to see some of the 326 bird species that call this river their habitat. Experience the midnight passage of a 1200-foot long river tow, and have a special evening gathered around an island bonfire, complete with river music.

You can win this or two other uncommon birding and river experiences and help Audubon reach its vision of a permanent Audubon Ark education and research boat on the river by sending in your name and making a contribution to the Upper Mississippi River Campaign's Audubon Ark Fund.

Can you believe we are doing a 500 mile canoe trip as the third leg of our Audubon Ark Journey this year? We are paddling from Lake Itasca to Fort Snelling, Minnesota, stopping in all the river towns along the way with our Audubon message. (May 18 to June 22, 2001) We need your financial support for every mile of the way and to help us kick off the building of the permanent Audubon Ark. To be eligible to win one of our prizes, here is how it works:

- Contribute \$100 or more (20 cents or more per mile of the Ark canoe trip) and your name will be entered in the drawing for the grand prize weekend for two on the 60-foot sternwheeler Audubon Ark as it travels with Audubon crew and educators between Wabasha, Minnesota and Dubuque, Iowa in September, 2001.
- Contribute \$50 or more (10 cents or more per mile) and your name will be entered in the drawing for the first prize – a weekend for two in a river town Bed and Breakfast and two days of guided trips into the backwaters of the Upper Mississippi National Wildlife and Fish Refuge also in September, 2001.
- Contribute \$5 or more (1 cent or more per mile) and your name will be entered in the drawing for a number of other immediate prizes including river town products from businesses including Red Wing Shoe, We no nah Canoe and La Crosse Boot.

All contributions received up until the actual drawing will be eligible. The drawing will take place on May 11<sup>th</sup> at 26 East Exchange Street, Suite 110, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101. (You need not be present to win.) Send in your contribution today using the form in the next column and become eligible for



an amazing and authentic riverboat trip and backwater tours on the great Upper Mississippi River.

Yes, I can help Audubon's work on the Upper Mississippi River!!

Here is my contribution of support in the form of a check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to the National Audubon Society – UMR Campaign. Please enter my name in the drawing to be held on Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001. Enter my name and contact information as follows:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

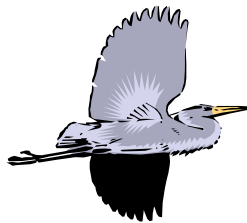
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Mail this form and contribution to:

**National Audubon Society**  
**Upper Mississippi River Campaign**  
**26 East Exchange Street, Suite 110**  
**St. Paul, Minnesota 55101**  
**Phone 651-290-1695**

—Jessie Meschievitz



## Nominations for Directors

The Chapter membership will be voting for Board Directors by voice vote at the May 1 meeting. The following two Board Directors whose terms are up in May 2001 have consented to be re-nominated for additional 3 year terms.

*Fran Duritsa* has been a member of Audubon since 1983. She has participated in lobby day and has served in the booth at the State Fair. She has been a Board Director since 1997. She has served as Program Chairperson since the 1998-99 season.

*Jerry Bahls* has been a Board member since 1998, Kingfisher Mailing Chair since 1997, Chair of the Membership Committee since 1999, he is also Chair of the Environmental Issues Committee Minnesota Audubon, and a member of the Minnesota Audubon Advisory Board. Jerry is a retired 3M chemist.

There will be an opportunity at the May meeting to offer nominations from the floor, assuming that any nominee from the floor has given previous consent.

—Nominating Committee





## April Program Review

The attendance at our monthly Programs seems to be in a continual rise. This month, approximately 90 people showed up to listen to a presentation on Butterfly Gardens, given by Dr. Vera Krischik.

Before the main event, announcements were made. Dorothy Kuether let us know that a search is under way for a new Director of Programming. The position has been held for some time by Fran Duritsa, and she would like to move on to other things. She is, however, willing to work with someone until that person is comfortable with the work involved. Let one of them know if you would be willing to take on this important position.

Jennifer Cuff, of the Mississippi National River and Recreation Area (did you know that we had a unit of the National Park system running through the center of the metropolitan area?), talked to us about volunteering on the Birding Boat. Volunteers would work with National Park Rangers to assist K-6th graders and the public at bird watching on one of the paddlefords that ply the waters of the Mississippi in the cities. Trips start at 10:00 am (volunteers are asked to come a half hour earlier), and last about an hour and a half. There will be a training for volunteers at the end of April. If you are interested, you can contact Tom Ibsen, Park Ranger, at 651-290-3030, ext. 233, or email him at [thomas\\_ibsen@nps.gov](mailto:thomas_ibsen@nps.gov). You can also visit the Birding Boat website at [www.nps.gov/miss/features/birding](http://www.nps.gov/miss/features/birding). If you missed the meeting, you also missed your chance to sing the Birding Boat Song!

Dr. Vera Krischik is an entomologist at the University of Minnesota's Center for Urban Ecology and Sustainability (CUES). Her presentation to us was primarily about establishing butterfly gardens, but she started by talking about changing our concept of urban planning to include a less "neat" aesthetic. (For example, leaving dead trees in the woods.) This aesthetic would allow for biodiversity, including the attraction of butterflies and other beneficial insects. Attracting these creatures eventually allows for the use of less pesticides, which is just good for everyone.

Dr. Krischik's presentation was so involved and detailed that it was almost hard to keep up. She talked about the differences between butterflies and moths (eg: moths typically rest with their wings open, butterflies do not); what attracts them to gardens (swaths of color rather than large numbers of single species); what to avoid when buying plants to attract them (cultivars that are bred to be short and full often contain no nectar); and, mostly, particular species of plants to attract them. It was a fact-filled night of enlightenment for people with an interest in this topic. With notes from the talk, and info from the handouts, anyone there would have left with enough knowledge to go start planting. But, even more information can be found at

[www.entomology.umn.edu/cues](http://www.entomology.umn.edu/cues).

—Paul Kinzer



## Field Trip Report

March 10, 2001

Terry Brashear, Leader

The completely overcast sky was threatening sleet/snow/rain and the temperature hovered at 33 degrees. No matter though, we headed for the Mississippi River area from Red Wing to Lake Pepin to Wabasha, eager to see the wintering Bald Eagles. Trip Leader Terry, however, first detoured us over to Acacia Park Cemetery, in Mendota Heights. A good bird had been hanging out there for about 2 weeks, a Townsend's Solitaire, a western thrush that occasionally wanders into MN. Although we searched carefully, we were not successful.

We were certainly successful with our Eagle Watching... about 25 were perched in trees at Colville Park on the river channel in Red Wing. Waterfowl were scarce but we spotted an early migrating Blue Heron. There was not much in sight until we got to Wabasha as the river was just beginning to open up.



We added more Eagles to our list as we joined other birders on the observation deck in Wabasha, where members of the new Eagle Watch Audubon Chapter had numerous scopes for good viewing. We visited Audubon's new Eagle Watch Center featuring quite an array of activities, information, and two live Eagles. A special opportunity on the trip was exceptionally close looks at birds of different ages. We could easily see the variations in plumage from the dark juveniles, to the mottled teenagers, to the signature bright white head of the adult Bald Eagles. It was a Great Trip!

Participants: John Bassett, Louise Cameron, John Hancon, Sam Hancon, Jerry Marmon, Curt McNamara, Ed Thon, Myrt Thom, Valerie Tolhurst, Mary Ellen Vetter (recorder)

Species recorded: Great Blue Heron, Canada Goose, Mallard, Hooded Merganser, Common Merganser, Bald Eagle, Red-tailed Hawk, American Kestrel, Ring-billed Gull, Rock Dove, Horned Lark, Blue Jay, American Crow, Black-capped Chickadee, White-breasted Nuthatch, European Starling, Northern Cardinal, House Finch, House Sparrow.

—Mary Ellen Vetter

## Beginning Birding Class

Saturday, April 28th

Westwood Hills Nature Center in St. Louis Park

Classroom session starts at 9:00 AM

Field trip follows at about 10:00 AM

The birds will be there, will YOU?

See April Kingfisher for details or call 763 572-2333.

—Jerry Bahls



## Conservation Projects Update

**WOOD LAKE NATURE CENTER (WLNC)**—The persistent cold weather has pushed the probable start date for native plantings out to around May 1<sup>st</sup>. Once started, planting will continue through the end of June. Nine Minneapolis Audubon chapter volunteers have signed on, but we can use more help. This is a great activity for the whole family!

Chapter member Dick Eide has already closed up and prepped the Blue Bird houses at WLNC.....the Red Winged Black Birds are in town so the Blue Birds can't be far behind.

WLNC will commemorate Earth Day and Arbor Day starting at 1:30 pm on May 5<sup>th</sup>. Tree planting begins at 2:30pm. Check out the Mallards and Canada Geese as they begin to stake out their nesting territory.

**HENNEPIN CONSERVATION DISTRICT**—The training dates for the wetland monitoring teams have been set and they are May 9<sup>th</sup>, June 2<sup>nd</sup> and June 23<sup>rd</sup>, for field collection, invertebrate, and plant identification, respectively. Wetland sites are being selected at this writing.

**CEDAR LAKE PARK (CLPA)**—A generous donation of one hundred bare root plants (50 Glossy Black Chokeberry and 50 American Highbush Cranberry) is being offered by Jack Hauser and Dorene Scriven of the Blue Bird Recovery Program. We have the go ahead from CLPA to add these great natural food sources to the Cedar Lake Landscape. But, since these are bare root plants, we need some volunteers to help get them in the ground *pronto*. We are targeting the afternoon of April 23<sup>rd</sup>... please call me at (612) 866-6158 if you can help with this project...fun and satisfaction guaranteed!

—Tom Rice  
*Conservation Chair*

## Calling All Birdhouse Landlords!

The Birdhouse Network (TBN) asks people of all ages and backgrounds to put up nest boxes and collect valuable information about each box—location, habitat characteristics, and number of eggs and nestling in the nest. They report this information over the Internet to Cornell Lab researchers, who analyze the data to help determine what if any environmental factors contribute to nesting success. TBN continues to collect data about Tree Swallows and Eastern Bluebirds, but recently announced their “Most Wanted List” of cavity-nesting birds—16 species for which we have fewer than 50 records. These include Prothonotary Warbler, Eastern Screech-Owl, and American Kestrel—all of which are also showing population declines. The TBN online data form also requests basic information about pesticide treatment near nest boxes. To find out more about TBN, visit <http://birds.cornell.edu/birdhouse>, e-mail [birdhouse@cornell.edu](mailto:birdhouse@cornell.edu), or write to Cornell Lab of Ornithology/TBN, 159 Sapsucker Woods Road, Ithaca, NY 14850. To sign up to put your birdhouse observations to work for TBN, call (800) 843-2473.

## May/June Field Trips

The Audubon Chapter of Minneapolis has a nice selection of field trips this spring. All field trips are open to the public and birders of all ages and experience levels are welcome. Our trip leaders are experienced with the identification of the birds seen in Minnesota and offer hints on identification by sight and sound.

*Unless listed, call the trip leader for meeting times and places.*

**May 5: Rice Creek** – led by Terry Brashear – 612-929-1976

A natural migrant trap; we should see a nice mix of passerines on this trip. Rarities turn up here on a regular basis – including Yellow-throated Warbler, Prairie Warbler, and Louisiana Water Thrush.

**May 10: Crosby Park** – led by Don Wanschura -  
612-866-3276

Crosby Park in St. Paul is an ideal location for finding migrants. With careful searching one might find Prothonotary Warblers nesting in wet years.

**May 12: Wood Lake Nature Center** – led by Tom Mahan –  
763-588-5440

This is one of the better spots in the twin cities to see Least Bittern. The floating walkways allow observers to get close up looks at Virginia Rail and Sora.

**May 17: Spring Lake Park** – led by Don Wanschura -  
612-866-3276

This regional park has nice views of the river from the bluff. Mixed hardwoods and the proximity to the river attract migrants. Don will focus on both flora and fauna in this unique habitat.

**May 19: Springbrook Nature Center** – led by Siah St. Clair –  
763-572-3588

Springbrook Nature Center in Fridley has a nice mix of habitats from oaks to wetlands that always attract a wide variety of migrants. Meet Siah at the nature center building at 8:00 a.m..

**May 22: Old Mendota/Fort Snelling Trailhead** – led by  
Don Wanschura - 612-866-3276

This trail offers a nice leisurely walk down to Ft. Snelling State Park. Vireo's, Warblers, and other migrant passerines will be the target birds.

**June 30: St. Croix Savannah** – led by Don Wanschura

This will be a prairie flower *and* grassland bird field trip. The St. Croix Savannah is near Bayport, Wisconsin.

Join us!  
—Terry Brashear  
*Field Trips Chair*



## Audubon Center of the North Woods (Sandstone, MN)



Our Audubon chapter has \$500 to award for scholarships to local area students to help defray the cost of a week of summer camp at the Audubon Center of the North Woods.

The Audubon Center of the North Woods is located on the shores of Grindstone Lake - ninety miles north of the Twin Cities. Old growth white and red pines, a beaver stream, forest, fields, and wetlands provide the on-site resources. The Center features comfortable accommodations with private baths, and a variety of unique study sites, including a raptor and wildlife complex. A ropes course, initiative games, and a climbing wall provide for exercise and challenge. Staff include resident and international instructors who bring years of experience and skill in environmental and outdoor education. For more information on North Woods adventures, or to apply for a scholarship, please contact Bob Nelson at (612) 933-7340.

### **Wild Things - Ecology of the North Woods**

**Dates: July 7-14 and July 21-28, 2001 Age: 10-12 Cost: \$355**

Live raptors and wolves will be your instructors. Discover how they are ambassadors for nature. Take a bogwalk; participate in a songbird banding program; explore an active beaver pond. Make a voyage of discovery, where eagles soar and otters play, as you canoe down the river on an overnight trip.

### **ADVENTURERS: Ropes, Rocks, and Rapids**

**Dates: July 7-14 and July 21-28, 2001 Ages 12-14 Cost: \$355**

Join us for adventure as you experience our high ropes course and climbing wall, explore the wilderness by foot, and the rapids by canoe. Learn minimum impact camping techniques and the magic of the stars on an overnight camping trip.

### **NWWS Aquaventures - Aquatic Adventure Week**

**Prerequisite: Any Level I course**

**Date: August 4-11, 2001 Ages 12-15 Cost: \$405**

This exciting week of camp will examine water issues through adventure activities. Lake study classes will be enhanced by rafting, sea kayaking, and canoeing experiences. A trip to the Lake Superior Center will help to provide a unique perspective of one of Minnesota's most valuable resources—water!

### **NWWS III Boundary Waters Canoe Trip**

**Prerequisite: Any Level I and II course, or equivalent.**

**Dates: July 14-21, 2001 Age: 13 years+ Cost: \$465**

Synopsis: Our traditional Level III trip, we'll head into the BWCA for a week-long voyage in the land of lakes, loons, moose, wolves, bear... This is a wilderness trip in small groups of 9 maximum.

## Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary (Sarona, WI)

Our Audubon chapter has \$250 to award for scholarships to local area students to help defray the cost of a week of summer camp at Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary.

Hunt Hill is located in the heart of the Wisconsin north country, 120 miles northeast of Minneapolis. Among rolling hills and sparkling lakes, campers participate in a fun learning adventure while they explore our 500-acre wildlife sanctuary. The site includes original homestead buildings, comfortable dormitories comprised of double-occupancy rooms, group rooms, and a dining hall well known for its wholesome meals. Our staff is comprised of dedicated professionals and educators with a solid background in natural history, outdoor safety skills and education. For more information on Hunt Hill adventures, or to apply for a scholarship, please contact Marion Borell at (612) 866-1266.

### **Lets Hear it for HERPS! Youth Discovery Camp**

**July 1-July 6, 2001 Age: 9-13 Cost: \$315 Members, \$305**

This exciting new youth camp explores the work of herpetology up close. Campers will learn the differences between two cold-blooded animals: reptiles and amphibians. Setting up live aquariums, snorkeling to view the underwater world, and exploring the floating bog are only a few of the week's highlights. Professional herpetology experts complement activities. July 4th will be celebrated with a fun camper festival and evening cookout.

### **Youth Ecology Adventure**

**July 22-July 27, 2001 Age: 9-13 Cost: \$315 Members, \$305**

Youth are invited to participate in a fun learning adventure all week with canoeing, swimming, an overnight campout and fishing. Evenings are filled with campfires, night hikes, a science fair and guest visitors as campers enjoy nature and forge new friendships. Professional wildlife managers and scuba instructors complement activities. **New activities are offered each year to add appeal and new learning opportunities for returning campers.**

### **Kayaking on the Namekagon**

**July 1-July 6, 2001 Ages: 13-15 Cost: \$395 Members, \$385**

Participants get a chance to explore the river from a kayak. Before the trip, campers will learn kayaking skills and boat rescues.

### **Canoeing on the Namekagon**

**July 22-July 27, 2001 Ages: 13-15 Cost: \$355 Members \$345**

Campers will partake in a host of experiments on the river to determine the quality of the stream and surrounding ecosystem. New friendships, learning adventures, and personal growth make this a memorable and fun week!



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## Calendar of Events

### May

- 1 Cookie Social 7:00 p.m.  
Chapter Program, 7:30 p.m.  
"Bird Nest Identification"
- 5 Field Trip, Rice Creek
- 8 Chapter Board Meeting, 6:45 p.m.
- 10 Field Trip, Crosby Park
- 12 Field Trip, Wood Lake Nature Center
- 17 Field Trip, Spring Lake Park
- 19 Field Trip, Springbrook Nature Center, 8 am
- 22 Field Trip, Old Mendota/Fort Snelling

### June

- (TBA) Chapter Board Meeting
- 30 Field Trip, St. Croix Savannah

### Field trips usually begin at 7:30 a.m., call the Field Trips Chair for details.

All are welcome to the Chapter Board Meetings!  
Board Meetings are held at North Regional Library  
1315 Lowry Ave. N. in Minneapolis  
Call the president for details.